

1969 - 1972

Chronology of terror in San Diego

FALL, 1969: Free school Exploring Family ransacked, bullet holes in John Porter's law office door.

November, 1969: Bullet holes through the *Street Journal's* office.

November 29, 1969: *Street Journal's* office broken into, 2500 copies of the then current issue dumped into San Diego Bay.

December 1, 1969: *San Diego Free Door's* truck has four tires slashed and ball bearings shot through windshield with slingshot.

December 23, 24, 1969: Synthetic Trips on University Avenue (where both the *Door* and *Street Journal* distributed) has windows broken out with slingshot fired lugnuts.

December 25, 1969: Rear entrance at *Street Journal's* office opened, paint poured over two justwriter machines, headliner fonts destroyed. Damage estimated at \$4,000.

December 25, 1969: Two bullets shot into porno shop, Arnie's Bookstore, just barely missing Mike Eppies.

December 28, 29, 1969: Tires slashed again at *San Diego Free Door*.

December 29, 1969: Five shots into Arnie's Bookstore, one shot from a rifle, four from a shotgun. Minutemen stickers left.

January 3, 1970: A car belonging to Larry Gottlieb, a staff member of the *Street Journal* firebombed at 2nd and Thorn.

January 4, 1970: Arnie's Bookstore and Chuck's Bookstore (adult literature, and distributor for *Street Journal*) have lugnuts shot through windows. Minutemen stickers left at Chuck's.

January 5, 1970: Chuck's Bookstore again has lugnuts shot through windows.

January 14, 1970: The office of the *San Diego Free Door* broken into and \$1,000 worth of equipment damaged. Over a thousand names and addresses stolen.

January 20, 1970: The Lugnut Case continues. Synthetic Trips front window broken out for sixth time within a month. Local movement files list William Francis Yakopac as chief suspect.

March 18, 1970: Ron Breen, then Associated Student Body President at San Diego State College receives warning from Minutemen to leave town by noon the following day or be assassinated. The same night, Allen Stancliff, member of Young Socialist Alliance comes home to find a bomb thrown through his window, that failed to explode.

April 29, 1970: Near midnight, Oceanside's MDM office shot into by speeding car. 12 rounds from a .45 caliber automatic hit building, one wounding PFC Jesse Woodard.

April 12, 1971: Tear-gas crystals dumped on seat of car at Saratoga Street. Tear-gas crystals also thrown through door at local printing collective. Minutemen stickers left.

May 4, 1971: A phone call received by Peter Bohmer. The caller said: "If anything happens at the Bank of America (scene of anti-war demonstrations scheduled that day) we're going to kill you with a bullet through the back of your head." Another caller said that if anything happened at the Bank of America "We're going to ship him back to MIT in a pine box." Complaint filed with police department.

August 1971: Guns stolen from a house on Muir Street, inhabited by people doing GI organizing.

November 13, 1971: Grenade thrown through window at Peace House at 2143 Market Street, but fails to detonate. A car was set on fire in front of the Bohmer residence the same night.

November 15, 1971: A phone call was received stating, "The car was just a warning." Several days later another caller said, "Next time we'll get the house." In November the first SAO sticker was found at Bohmer's office at State.

December 23, 25, 1971: Phone threats. One caller said, "Wish Pete a Merry Christmas. It will be his last. This is the Secret Army Organization." Another caller said, "Merry Christmas. It will be your last. We know you're there alone. This is the Minutemen."

December 27, 1971: Bohmer received a copy of the SAO Bulletin which described Peter's appearance, his car, and listed his phone and address. They gave this information "for any readers who may care to look up this Red scum."

January 3, 1972: Many people in the city were receiving phone threats. Some of these people were no longer active in the movement, which gives credibility to the claim that the SAO had an outdated phone list.

January 6, 1972: SAO stickers were left on Bohmer's office door. Later that afternoon a call was received at his residence saying, "This time we left a sticker, next time, we may leave a grenade. This is the SAO." Friends of Bohmer who lived up the street received a call that night: "Say goodbye to your friends down the street." At 9:15 p.m. two shots from a 9mm pistol were fired into the Bohmer residence wounding Paula Tharp.

January 7, 1972: The woman inaccurately listed in the SAO Bulletin as Bohmer's girlfriend received a call saying "You're next."

March 3, 8, 1972: Tire slashing on cars belonging to members of Convention Coalition and Enlisted Peoples Place.

March 28, 1972: Screen door ripped down at the home of a local radical.

March 30, 1972: Tear gas crystals sprinkled on car door handles of member of Convention Coalition.

April 6 or 7, 1972: The brake line on a car of a local radical cut.

April 19, 1972: SDS garage in South-east San Diego burns. Typesetting equipment destroyed. Fire officials suspect arson. SAO Special Bulletin lists prominent San Diegans as pinks and traitors.

April 20, 1972: A car belonging to a member of the San Diego Convention Coalition and *Door* firebombed on Montalvo Street in Ocean Beach. A month previous an SAO sticker was placed on the windshield.

May, 1972: Phone threats to people listed on Secret Army's Special Bulletin including M. Larry Lawrence, Democratic Party Chairman; the home of Maureen O'Connor, the police Department, and the office of the *Door*.

June 19, 1972: The Guild Theatre bombed.

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